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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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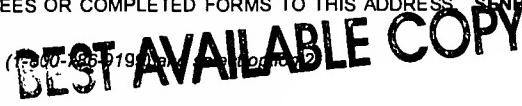
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated April 1, 2003, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Currently Amended). A [package] wrapping machine for wrapping trayed food products [packages], comprising:

a wrap station at which [packages] trayed food products are wrapped;

a film dispensing station for drawing out film over [a package] trayed food products at the wrap station;

a conveying system for moving [packages] trayed food products along a defined path to the wrap station including:

a first conveyor along a first portion of the defined path;

a second conveyor along a second portion of the defined path, the first conveyor having an output end which is aligned at a height with and feeds to an input end of the second conveyor for feeding [a package] trayed food products traveling along the first conveyor to the second conveyor;

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